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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
 YUJI HATADA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice dated January 16, 2002, Applicants submit herewith an Amendment, a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure, a substitute Sequence Listing, and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please delete the original Abstract of the Disclosure at pages 62 to page 63 and replace with the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 18 and 19 with the following:

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